

inhabitants of the county and duly qualified to act as jurymen as required by an act of the General Assembly. The county levy was laid for 1853 with the bounty on Red Foxes at 1.00 Grays \$ 50 cts, Black Bear 1.00 and Wild Cats 1.00 the amount of the levy was \$ 1,118.34. At the July term 1854 the levy was for \$ 1,809.50 The levy for 1855 was for \$ 2,419. much of which was spent in surveying and establishing the county lines. The levy of 1856 was for \$ 2,650.30 this was to be collected from all males 16 years or older this included all colored people over 16 also. The levy for 1857 was \$ 2,377.99 and the one for 1858 was for \$ 2400.00.

About 1853 it was decided by the court that it was advisable to buy a poor farm to be used to care for the less fortunate and a committee was appointed by the court to select a farm for not less than \$ 2,000.00 nor more than \$ 3,000.00 those appointed to serve were William J. Wooddell, John Gay, Daniel McLaughlin and George M.G. Edmiston these gentlemen were to make a survey and report back to the court at a later date.

William J. Wooddell was again chosen Sheriff of Pocahontas County with Isaac McNeil, John S. Wooddell and James F. Holden as his deputies and the following term of sheriff was held by John S. Wooddell as William J. Wooddell had resigned as Sheriff. John's deputies were James Holden and Amos Parlow. For the year of 1856 it cost the county \$ 655.00 to care for the

poor of the county. Among the many duties of the overseers of the poor was to bind out dependant children in good homes and if possible teach them a trade like tanning, saddelry and any other trade they might be able to take up. until they were 21 years of age.

It was in the year of 1854 that the first books were bought to register births, deaths and marriages in this custom still prevails in the county and in 1856 they recorded 160 births, and 24 deaths, this work was performed by the commissioner of the revinue but was over and above his regular duties and for 1856 he received \$ 5.02 for his services for which he received \$ 200.00 . James E. Moore was chosen commissioner of revinue July 1858. *John Waugh serving the term before Moore*

Delinquent land tax for 1854 was \$ 154.90 and the time spent by the court was 57 days. At this time grandjurymen were paid 1.00 a day and petit jurors paid .50 a day . It was in April 1856 that the sheriff ordered poll books to be used for the first time in the presidential election.

Thomas Hill was elected Assessor March 10. 1865 with William T. Gamson as his assistant. At that time it required about 45 days to assess the county with one helper or deputy. During these days they had toll gates and most of them were on the Lewisburg-Marlins-Bottom Road, to have a toll gate required a toll house and often a site had to be condemned by the court to erect the building. The cost of the county court for the year of

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amounted to \$ 195.00. and the amount spent by the court for jurors both grandjurymen and Petit-jurors amounted to \$ 64.00. At June court 1858 Thomas [Name] was chosen Coroner for the county and Sherman Clark was chosen Surveyor for the county for a six year term with George McNeel as deputy Surveyor. William Curry was elected Clerk of the County Court for a 6 year term starting January 1. 1858.

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